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BRITAIN AND CHINA.

British Premier's Important Statement.

NEGOTIATIONS IMMINENT.

Leading Brigade to Be Held at Hong Kong?

MENACE TO SHANGHAI.

Labour Leader And Our Relations With Russia.

An important statement regarding Britain and China was made by the Premier in the House of Commons yesterday during a debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Baldwin, who reviewed the vital facts of the situation, pointed out the danger arising out of the efforts of those in China who would like to push us into fighting.

He then dealt with the difficulties of the British position, and enlarged upon the policy of the Government in seeking to overcome those difficulties.

The whole tone of the statement is clear, direct, and forceful, and with the Cabinet resolution Mr. Baldwin quoted, gives a succinct review of the position to-day.

TRADE UNION BILL.

Sole Object To Bring About
Reforms.

Rugby, Feb. 8.

The Debate on the King's Speech was opened by Major Oliver Stanley, Conservative.

He said that the proposal for the definition and amendment of the law regarding industrial disputes threatened no vital aims of trade unionism which had an essential part to play in the modern industrial state.

Its object would be to support and assist the movement for self-reform. Reform was necessary and this could only be achieved if the proposed legislation were recognised as fair and unbiased.

The Conservative members approached the matter in no light-hearted spirit, for they recognised the dangers, but they believed the legislation to be essential.

Labour Leader's Criticism.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour Leader, criticised the paucity of the Government's programme, particularly the omission to mention the Poor Law reform factory legislation or the extensions of the franchise.

Referring to the hope of industrial peace expressed in the King's Speech, Mr. MacDonald declared that nobody could be under any delusion that if the Government insisted on raising the controversy of trade union legislation, it was going to make for industrial peace.

If the Government were wise it would let this matter alone.

Germany and the League.
The statement regarding the admission of Germany into the League of Nations would be accepted with pleasure on all sides of the House.

Germany's admission was the fruit of years of patient sowing and watering, and the whole House would hope it would add to the stability and security of Europe and to the authority of the League of Nations itself.

The Position in China.
Turning to China, Mr. MacDonald criticised the policy of sending troops to Shanghai. He contended that it had increased our difficulties. He asked whether Mr. Eugene Chen had ever been approached with the idea of getting security from him regarding the situation at Shanghai.

He believed it was possible by judicious handling to get the Hankow agreement signed and if it were signed what better security for our people in Shanghai could there be?

He invited the Premier to state that if the negotiations could be reopened the troops would be diverted on the ground that the reason for sending them had been obliterated.

Arising out of the Chinese position there was the question of British relations with Russia. There had been rumours recently that those who wished to break off relations with Russia had had some accession to their strength. He asked the Premier whether he contemplated any change in the policy towards Russia.

A War Party in China.
The Premier, replying, said he would not speak at length on the subject of China because this would be debated on Thursday, when the Foreign Secretary would make a full statement.

But he pointed out that one of the difficulties in the situation was that there were elements at work in China which desired to push us into fighting. Those who were in a position of responsibility could envisage great possibilities that might occur.

There were appearances in China to-day which reminded those of the greatest experience of what they

saw shortly before the Boxer troubles. The danger was not only from mobs in Shanghai. If that were the only danger it might be that such forces as had been accumulated there internationally together with the local forces would be sufficient.

Dangers of a Massacre.
The fearful possibility shown at Hankow was that if bloodshed had begun one might have had Chinese troops fighting that mob which might easily have led to a massacre of the white inhabitants. Small populations of foreigners

DEBATE TO-MORROW.

The Opposition To Move An Amendment.

London, Feb. 8.

The Opposition will move an amendment to the address relating to China on Thursday when Sir Austen Chamberlain will make an exhaustive statement and a full debate will follow.

Debate in the Lords.
London, Feb. 8.

The House of Lords has adopted the Address and will hold a debate on China to-morrow on the motion of Lord Parmoor (Labour).—Reuter.

could be evacuated from a place like Hankow, but not from Shanghai. There were too many.

China was in a state of civil war and that was what we had to remember when it was suggested that complete security might be obtained by assurances. Assurances could be given perfectly bona fide and intended to be bona fide, but until we were clear that the opportunity had passed for the neighbourhood of Shanghai to be a fighting ground between the various national forces in China in their civil war, it could not be said that danger to the European and Japanese nationals had passed at Shanghai.

Mobs and Shanghai's Wealth.
At Hankow one of the difficulties had been that the Nationalist Army had either lacked the will or the power, or both, to control their mobs. Much more might an unorganised force fail to control such forces as might be let loose in a city of the size of Shanghai and of its wealth, if combinations of unhappy and evil circumstances were let loose.

We have sent a force which we have been advised by all our advisers would be necessary to defend our people in the International Concession if danger should arise of a real struggle to capture the Concession and to murder the inhabitants on the part of a mob together with troops, whether they happened to be troops that have come into Shanghai from beaten armies or whether they happen to be troops of a victorious army.

Such a force as we are sending to China had gone there for the purpose of protection of life and for nothing else.

Cabinet Resolution Text.
The Premier read to the House the following resolution yesterday in Cabinet embodying the policy of the Government.

"That the general policy of the Government should be based on the following considerations:—Our troops were sent to the Far East to safeguard British lives in China, and particularly in Shanghai. That was and is the only policy of His Majesty's Government."

The question of the time, place, and manner of the withdrawal of our troops from Shanghai will be considered on Thursday.

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FIRE TRIAL.

Terrible Irish Disaster Recalled.

CROWN DROPS THE CASE.

London, Feb. 8.

The State has abandoned the prosecution of Forde and Downing in connection with the Drumcogh cinema fire.

It was stated that the object of the prosecution has been attained by the warning publicly given through the steps taken.—Reuter.

[Forty-seven lives were lost in a cinema fire at Drumcogh, in County Limerick. The building was of wood.]

TOWED TO PORT.

Liner Loses All Her Oil Fuel.

Halifax, Feb. 8.

The United States liner "President Harding" was brought in by three tugs the fuel supply having been exhausted owing to leaking oil tanks.

The tugs picked up the liner helpless twenty miles out. The crew were then chopping up hatch combings to provide fuel to cook food for the shivering passengers.—Reuter.

ing was of wood. The fire started in the operator's box, close to the only exit. There was a wild fight to escape from the blazing building and terrible scenes were witnessed. The Coroner's jury found that the fire was caused by a lighted candle falling on exposed films. The jury found the operator guilty of negligence in leaving the films exposed, and held that there was carelessness on the part of the promoter in leaving a lighted candle on the table. Prosecution followed in the Central Criminal Court in Dublin of Patrick Brennan, William Ford and Patrick Downing, owner, lessee and operator, respectively. Brennan was found not guilty, and the jury disagreed as regards Ford and Downing.]

OBITUARY.

HONG KONG LAD AT OXFORD.

MR. ARTHUR DENYS JUPP.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jupp (Mr. Jupp is partner in the firm of John D. Humphreys and Son) will sympathise with them in the loss of their son, Arthur Denys, a Hong Kong born boy, who passed away

ing steamers are required to stop for military inspection. A strike of house-boys at Ichang is expected to take effect from to-morrow.

The situation at Ichang for the present remains the same. Leave within the Concession has been granted to officers and ratings are being landed at the Bund for the purposes of obtaining exercise.

Spies Shot.
The execution by the Chinese at Kiukiang of men convicted of being spies caused considerable excitement and crowds were witnessed running along the Bund yesterday forenoon.

Two platoons were landed from British ships to ascertain the cause of the excitement and these were later withdrawn without incident.

A further 80 missionaries are to leave Chungking down-river on Thursday.

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BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS.
Peking Plays The Waiting Game.

Peking, Feb. 8.
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SALE FOR CHINA.
Flotilla Leader and Ten Destroyers.

London, Feb. 8.
The flotilla leader "Bruce" and the destroyers "Thracian", "Seraph", "Scorpio", "Sphinx", "Storm Cloud", "Somme", "Sterling" and "Sequoia" have left for China from Sheerness.—Reuter.

TOBACCO PROGRESS.
The tobacco harvest at the delta of the Yangtze is well advanced.

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SAILING TO-DAY.

Newly-Arrived Troops For Shanghai.

ORDERS FROM HOME.

The "China Mail" understands officially that, in accordance with instructions received from Home, the 2nd Battalions, the Durham Light Infantry and the Gloucestershire Regiments, which arrived here on Monday and Tuesday by the s.s. "Takliwa" and the s.s. "Vasna," are leaving by these steamers for Shanghai early this afternoon.

These are the first of the troops ordered to China from other parts of the Empire to proceed to Shanghai. The 5/2 Punjab Regiment, the vanguard of the Shanghai Defence Force, arrived in Shanghai from Hong Kong on January 28.

Yesterday, the Durhams and Gloucesters (the Durhams with a detachment of Indian troops) marched through a part of Kowloon on disembarkation.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.
A Strike of House Boys at Ichang.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities:—

A large "commemorative" demonstration was held at Ichang yesterday.

Troops continue to leave for destinations down-river. Martial law has been proclaimed in the Ichang area and all pass-

ANOTHER MEETING.

Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley Confer Again.

Hankow, Feb. 8.

Following a 2-hour meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley met again this morning.

It is learned that they are examining the position created by Mr. Chen's statement refusing to sign the agreement while British forces are concentrating at Shanghai, with a view to ascertaining whether the difficulty can be surmounted.—Reuter.

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THIRD TERM.

Mr. Coolidge Not to Seek Re-Election?

STRAWS IN THE WIND.

New York, Feb. 8.

That President Coolidge will not seek re-election for the third term in 1928 is the opinion expressed in a speech by Dr. Butler, President of Columbia University who opined that it would be fatal for the Republicans to raise a third term issue.

Dr. Butler declared that one of the deepest and most persistent convictions of the American people is that no President should hold office thrice.

Mr. Coolidge's common sense would lead him to announce his unwillingness to stand when the proper time came.

Dr. Butler stated that farm relief and foreign policy would be the main issues in the presidential campaign. He declared that no one who was not frankly "wet" would stand a chance.

While Dr. Butler disclaimed direct information, significance is attached to the fact that he spent the week-end at the White House.—Reuter's American Service.

Castle has sailed for China.—Reuter.

NATIONALIST ORDER.

The Protection of British Lives.

Renewed instructions in the form of a definite official order have been issued by the Provincial Government to all subordinate organisations, to assure protection for the lives and properties of British residents in this province. According to the "Canton Gazette," the order says inter alia:—

It is, of course, necessary for us to plan for the early resumption of missionary schools established by the British in the various provinces, according to our original plan for educational independence, but before definite measures can be decided by the Government in this case, it will be absolutely improper for any persons to make any movement directed at these schools.

Furthermore the lives and properties of the British residents in the various provinces are under the protection of the Government, and consequently the local authorities should assure them every possible protection, as we are only opposed to Imperialism, and have no enmity towards any private individual.

Please make this point clear to all people, and instruct all your subordinates to take action accordingly.

"Concerning the above, a resolution has been passed by our Commission at its 12th meeting that a circular instruction be issued to all organisations under the control of the Provincial Government, and this has been approved by the Canton Branch of the Political Council. You are therefore instructed to further notify your subordinates to this effect."

PHILOSOPHERS.

The British in China.

"The British in China are philosophical. Until the shots begin to fly in their own town they do not unduly worry. It must be recognised, however, that the evacuation of Hankow is the worst blow for years from Britain's point of view."

Professor Griffith Taylor, of Sydney University, who returned from the Pan Pacific Science Congress at Tokyo by the "Tango Maru" made these remarks in Sydney.

The professor spent some time in China on the return trip, travelling through the affected area, but he saw none of the actual fighting.

Professor Taylor and his companions, at the invitation of the Japanese, visited Korea. They went through to Mukden by rail, the line being closely guarded by Japanese soldiers.

From Mukden they went to Peking, and once there it was difficult to get out.

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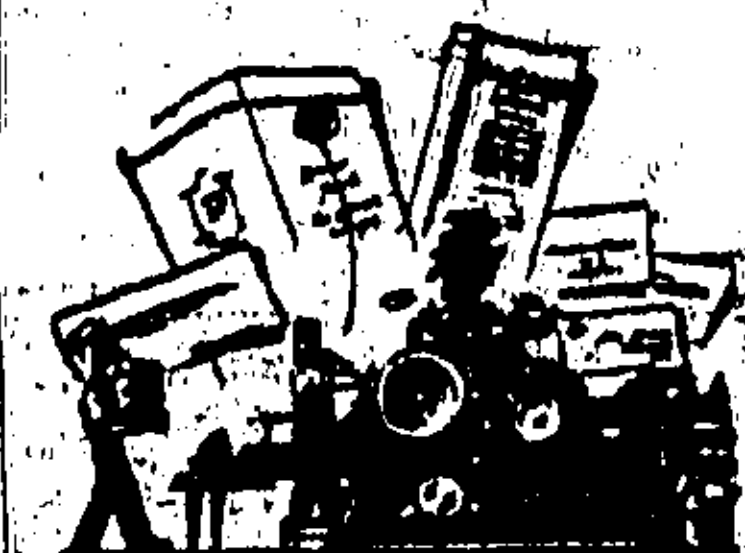
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By Order of the Board of Directors.
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, Feb. 6th, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

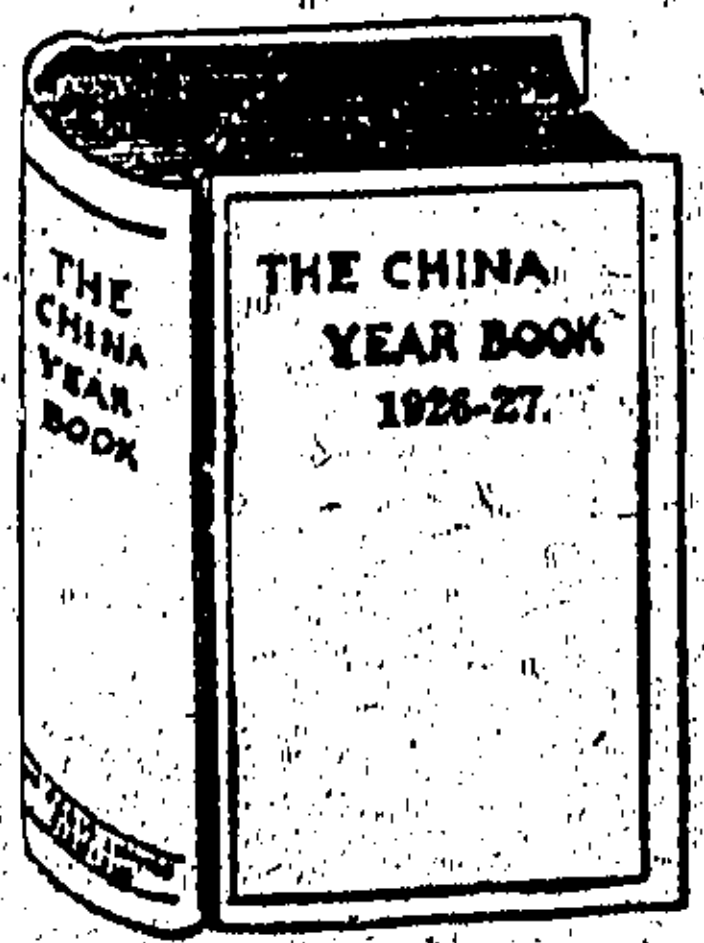
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February, 1927, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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A. H. BARLOW,
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NIGHT ATTACK.

EXPLORER VICTIMISED IN
ENGLAND.
ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

London, Dec. 18. Immediately after broadcasting from London a talk dealing with his adventures in Central America, when Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, the explorer and author, declared that life would be very gray without excitement, he was the subject of a mysterious hold-up in a lonely spot.

While he was motoring from Bournemouth a man suddenly appeared in the roadway and appealed to him to stop and assist an injured man to hospital. Mr. Mitchell-Hedges's chauffeur accompanied the man, and when he did not return Mr. Mitchell-Hedges and a companion followed. They were amazed to discover the chauffeur bound with ropes lying at the roadside. Immediately five or six men attacked them, and a struggle ensued. Eventually the attackers ran away in the darkness.

When Mr. Mitchell-Hedges and his party picked themselves up and returned to the motor car they discovered that Mr. Mitchell-Hedges's handbag containing valuable papers relating to his business, in Honduras, as well as several specimens of human heads "skunk" by Central American Indians by a secret process, were all missing.

Mr. Mitchell-Hedges, who was obviously affected by the rough

This Highland steer, entered by the King of England, was one of the most imposing exhibits at the Smithfield Cattle Show held in England. Raising fine cattle is a hobby with King George.



NEW "DEBRETT."

PEERAGES WHICH MAY
DIE OUT.

London.—The new "Debrett" is a huge volume of nearly 3,500 pages (Debrett's Peerage, Baronage, Knightage, and Companionage, 1927, Dean, 75s.), and it maintains to a full degree its reputation for completeness and accuracy.

The preface gives some remarkable figures as to the number of peerages and baronetcies in danger of becoming extinct:

Out of some 780 peerages, more than 300 have at the moment either no heir at all to succeed to the peerage or only an heir-presumptive; in the baronetage, too, there are some 1,200 baronets, of whom 550 are in a similar position.

Only 3 new peerages and 14 new baronetcies have been created in 1926, whereas in 1919 the figures were, respectively, 23 and 51. Taking the same two years, knighthoods have sunk from 474 in 1919 to 176 in 1926.

Many people gained titles on account of war services, but, on the other hand, the war robbed numerous noble families of their heirs.

SWINDLER SENTENCED.

London, Jan. 12. "It's creditable for you to get me. I'll come quietly when I have kissed my wife. I know I am wanted everywhere, and I expect seven years, but I'll give you all the help I can," said James Saers, a clerk, arrested yesterday on ten warrants, involving 88 charges of fraud.

Detectives gave evidence that accused card indexed the results of his operations, which were carried on all over England. Saers was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

minent position that the English classics took and he looked to the boys of the Persé School to provide an important nucleus to prevent the subversion of our noble English language to the clipped phrase and jargon from the other side of the Atlantic. (Cheats)

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A YOUNG PRODIGAL
REPENTS.
HOMELESS & DESERTED.

London.—A public school boy who was quarrelled in five months \$1,200 he inherited when 21 made an appeal for another chance at Eastbourne.

Cecil Leslie Samson, aged 21, was in the dock charged with obtaining a motor-car valued at £275 by false pretences. He denied any intention of defrauding anybody and added:

"I admit it was all lies I told about my trustees, because at the time my trustees were money-lenders. I lived at Eastbourne on money I had inherited, doing no work and living the life of a lazy loafer."

I have lost all my money and lost most of my so-called friends. For eight weeks I slept rough and for seven weeks I was in hospital and nearly died. My illness has brought about a reconciliation with my grandmother, who is willing to give me another start. When I was in hospital I decided that when I came out I would do what I could to make a man of myself.

The prosecuting solicitor did not press the charge, saying it was a case of a well-educated boy coming into money after leaving school and making a fool of himself. Samson was placed on probation and it was stated that he was going abroad.

LADY TERRINGTON.

DIVORCED HUSBAND'S
BANKRUPTCY.

TRUSTEES TO PAY HER £2,000.

The affairs of Lord Terrington, who formerly practised as a solicitor in Clarges Street, Piccadilly, came before Mr. Justice Astbury, sitting as bankruptcy judge.

Lady Terrington and the trustees of the marriage settlement asked the court to declare that certain furniture and chattels at Spinfield, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and 11, Clarges Street, were the property of the trustees or of Lady Terrington respectively, and for an order on the trustees in bankruptcy to hand them over.

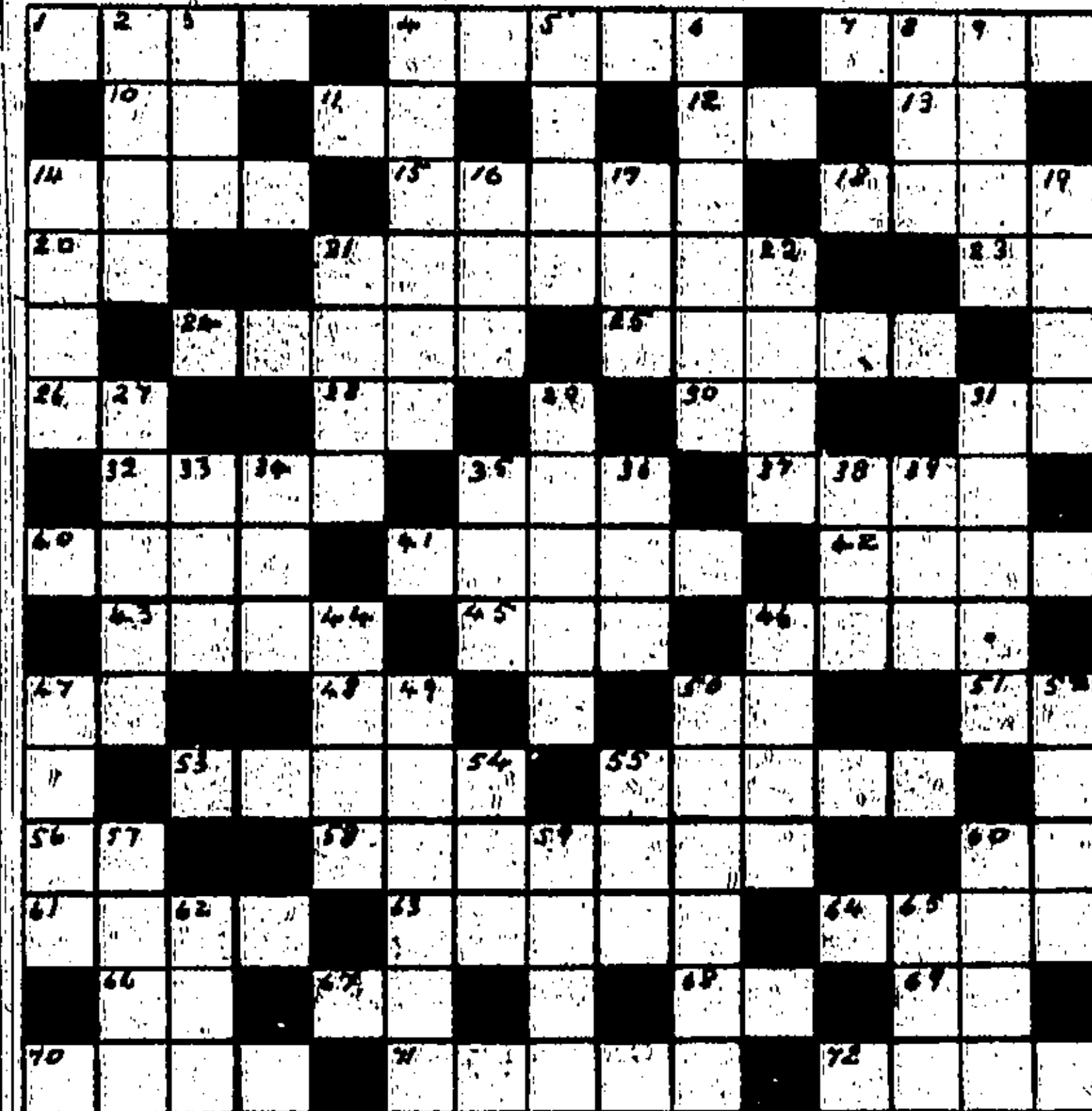
On the case being called, Mr. John W. Morris, who represented the applicants, announced that the parties had effected a settlement. No order was consequently required.

Mr. Justice Astbury remarked that Lord Terrington was out of the country, and he (the judge) must be satisfied that it was a fair arrangement for the creditors. The meeting asked for the exclusion from Lord Terrington's estate of certain property which might be divisible among the creditors to whom enormous sums were owing.

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Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

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Clues Across.

1. To keep in safety.
2. Imitates.
3. Royal Scottish Society (abbrev.)
4. A knob in roots.
5. Ready to do.
6. Keep together.
7. To ripple.
8. To snow again.
9. To employ.
10. To wander.
11. Postscript (abbrev.)
12. Part of word, 'end king'.
13. Direction.
14. Animate existence.
15. Printer's unit of measure.
16. To snow again.
17. Dull.
18. Turns round.
19. A variety of quartz.
20. Ocean.
21. Edge or border of anything.
22. Eve's garden.
23. 3rd. pers. sing. pres. of "Be."
24. A bee that collects no honey.
25. A small tinned fish.
26. Room.
27. Get up.
28. Mother.
29. Old (pidgeon-English).
30. To resolve.
31. By means of.
32. Pray (Latin).
33. Style of expression.
34. Suffix (belonging to—).
35. Edition (abbrev.)
36. An Epoch.
37. Doctor of Divinity (abbrev.)
38. A.U.S. (actual).
39. Thick hempen cord.
40. Denotes pity.
41. Open (poetic).
42. Anything lent.
43. Close by.
44. A genus of redout quadruped.
45. A lifting machine.
46. Destruction.
47. A girl's name.
48. To perform.
49. A mail.
50. Church of England (abbrev.)
51. 9th. note in scale.
52. Like this.
53. Her (no H).
54. A bag.
55. An erection.
56. V.A. (actual).
57. A pot for stewing in.
58. Theosophical Society (initia.)
59. To increase.
60. Mentally conceived.
61. A bee.
62. Masculine pronoun.
63. In the same manner.
64. Knock-out (abbrev.)
65. Hold; stop; (interj.)
66. To provide for.
67. Twists.
68. To send away (as from employment).
69. Exclamation of pleasure.

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mansions, their yearly expenditure
includes theatres and amusements
one million pounds, restaurants two
million pounds.

JUNK PIRATED.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE CREW
WOUNDED.

The master of a fishing junk
which left San Mei, in Chinese
territory, for Hong Kong with a
crew of four males at noon at
Saturday last, has reported to the
Police that his boat was pirated
when off Po Tau Chau (British
Territory).

According to the report, another
junk was seen to approach the
fishing boat from the direction of
Lung Shui Wan. It was noticed
that four armed men were on board,
one of whom fired at the crew of
the first junk, wounding two of
their number.

The robbers boarded the junk,
stole the cargo of pigs and a quan-
tity of clothing valued in all at
\$821, and made off with their
booty.

The wounded men have been sent
to the Government Civil Hospital
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S. O. S.

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disorder had resisted all efforts to
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that by raising the sufferer's tem-
perature certain changes were
brought about in the spinal cord—
the seat of the disorder.

Go insane.

Then by utilising the serum
manufactured from the patient's
malaria-infected blood it was pos-
sible to attack the disease in the
cord.

The Alfred Hospital had several
such patients who had been paralysed
and rendered insane by the
disease, and was about to conduct
curative experiments in raising the
temperature of the patient.

Sour milk, "B.C.C." and malaria
virus would be used. From the
effects the relative value of each
treatment could be ascertained.

The first response to the appeal
was made early in the morning. A
small quantity of the volunteer's
blood was taken and injected into
the veins of one of the paralysed
patients.

All through the morning volun-
teers suffering from malaria offered
themselves at the hospital.

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to a house in the suburbs, and were
preparing to rush it, pistols in
hand, in the expectation of encoun-
tering a nest of bandits, when they
noticed the inscription, "Society for
the Aid of Warsaw's Poor."

Inside they found two wealthy
young manufacturers, Oldavinski
and Bilkowski, sitting smoking in
evening dress.

They admitted 16 similar thefts,
whereby philanthropic institutions
had unwittingly benefited. Both
were arrested and have been certi-
fied as insane.

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sels in Hong Kong harbour, of
which 35 fly the British flag.
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a.m. to-day, there were 10 arrivals
and 16 departures.

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DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	8,144	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,552	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,920	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
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MONGOLIA	7,023	18th March	Marseilles & London
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DEWA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	6,553	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHYA	7,023	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
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	5,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	8,956	4th March	
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SHIRALA	7,841	12th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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KHYBER	8,144	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,960	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
PERIM	7,363	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYA	7,023	23rd April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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GENERAL AVERAGE.

RECENT FRENCH DECISION ON
DEMURRAGE.

POLICY OF GREEK ADJUSTERS.

The Court of Cassation, Paris, has recently delivered an interesting judgment upholding a statement of General Average in which the adjusters made good to the shipowners demurrage for the period the vessel was undergoing general average repairs. The vessel concerned was the "Willemstad" which was stranded in the mouth of the Gironde in September, 1918, while endeavouring to cross the bar in obedience to orders given by the commander of the naval escort, who feared an attack by enemy submarines. At the time of the casualty the water on the bar was about 24 ft., while the vessel was drawing about 27 ft. The master informed the escort of this, but was ordered to proceed. The vessel grounded, but later in the day was refloated and taken to Bordeaux where temporary repairs to the hull and engines were effected. The vessel was under requisition by the British Government, and was on time charter to the Hudson's Bay Company, and when the stranding occurred was carrying a cargo of cereals from Baltimore to Bordeaux for account of the French Ministry of Commerce.

The bills of lading incorporated in the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924, were drawn up at Bordeaux, and the adjusters allowed in general the cost of repairs and demurrage for the time the ship was detained under repair. The Ministry of Commerce refused to accept this adjustment, but the Commercial Tribunal at Bordeaux upheld the statement with the exception of the demurrage item, which was disallowed. The Ministry then appealed; and the shipowners cross-appealed in respect of the demurrage item. In March, 1925, the Court of Appeal at Bordeaux dismissed the appeal of the Ministry and allowed the cross appeal of the shipowners, and this judgment has now been upheld by the Court of Cassation.

Varying Customs. In most countries demurrage and losses of a similar nature are not allowed in general average, on the principle that they are not direct consequences of the general average act, and this principle has been definitely incorporated in Rule "C" of the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924. Previous to the decision of the Court of Appeal at Bordeaux in the case of the "Willemstad," French adjusters do not appear to have made a practice of allowing demurrage, but after the decision the practice seems to have been adopted in cases where the vessel was on a time charter at the time of the general average act. Greek adjusters, who profess to follow French practice, have for some time past allowed demurrage in all manner of cases, and have even gone so far as to allow it for the period the vessel has remained stranded, and also for the time taken in effecting repairs at final destination.

In the case of Greek statements, these practices have long been a bone of contention between underwriters and adjusters, and the judgment of the Court of Cassation in the case of the "Willemstad" will undoubtedly have the effect of extending the practice. Once the principle is admitted, it is difficult to foresee how far it is capable of being applied to other indirect losses, such as the loss of use of capital, which affects every cargo-owner whose goods are detained at a port of refuge, and also loss of market due to the same cause. Fortunately, however, the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924, are being freely adopted, and the situation can only arise in cases where the contract of affreightment provides for the general average to be adjusted according to the law of a country which follows French practice, or according to the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924, where the vessel is bound for a port where French practice prevails. In such a case the matter is, of course, covered by Rule 18 of the York-Antwerp Rules, 1924, which provides that matters not covered by the Rules shall be dealt with according to the law and practice which would have governed the adjustment, if the Rules had not been incorporated in the contract of affreightment.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave Amoy for this port to-day, and is due here to-morrow, at about 3 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirala" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 5, a.m., and is due here on Feb. 11, at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" is due here on Feb. 11, at about noon. The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Feb. 10.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here on Feb. 25.

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According to the "World's Washington" correspondent, five American battleships are being remodelled in British lines, the "American" battleship, which is being exchanged for the British ship "Hood." Other changes are believed to be imminent.

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Osaka via Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	HOSANG	Thurs., 17th Feb., at 7 a.m.
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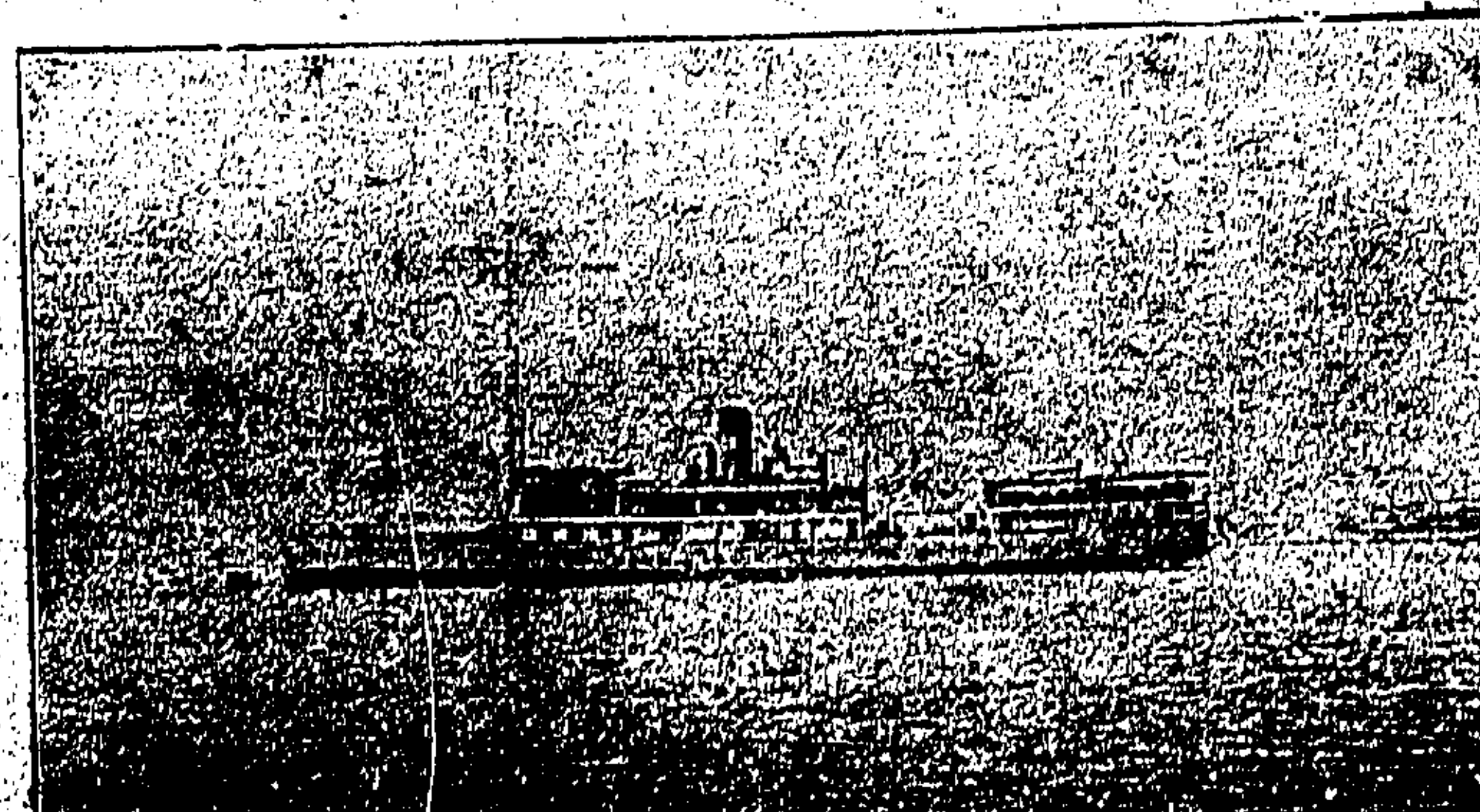
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DEATH.

JUPP.—On Feb. 2, at Christ Church, Oxford, of Pneumonia, Arthur Denys, dearly loved younger son of Mr. & Mrs. John A. Jupp, of Chislehurst, Kent, and late of Hong Kong (aged 24).

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1927.

FIRST THINGS FIRST.

There has been some straight speaking in the House of Commons. There has been the need for it. Labour's attitude toward the China question is vacillating. One day the Labour Party are hypercritical; the next day they are in full agreement with the Government. This continual change of attitude must inevitably exercise an unwholesome influence on the immense following that the Labour Party admittedly has in the country. The policy of the Government, on the other hand, has been solid and inflexible. That in itself may counter the adverse Labour views, but it has not so far been effective enough to silence the voice of the critic—particularly the type that delights in nothing so much as harassing the Government in power.

Following a rambling statement by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the House of Commons yesterday, in the course of which he practically asked for the withdrawal of British troops from Shanghai pending the successful conclusion of the negotiations in Hankow, the Prime Minister got home some very telling truths. Thus, he stated—and not for the first time—that the first duty of the British Government is to protect British nationals in China. There is not the slightest need to ask permission from other Powers to

carry out this policy to the full. Nor can any measures for the security and protection of British nationals be regarded as in any way provocative to either the Northern or the Southern factions in China. Indeed, if the worst possible view be taken and a repetition of the Boxer rising were in the slightest degree probable, both these Chinese factions would be the first to disclaim responsibility and the first to upbraid the British for not having taken the necessary steps to safeguard the lives of British subjects. Recent incidents have shown most clearly the great danger of illiterate mobs getting out of control in China, defying not only foreigners but their own particular Chinese authority. It is, therefore, merely the most elementary duty of the British Government to ensure that in future there shall be sufficient British armed forces at or near a possible danger zone to cope with any crisis that may arise. These are the facts of the situation in Shanghai and elsewhere in China. They are simple. They are clear. Nothing can be added to or subtracted from them.

The Prime Minister has referred to the "self-interest" of the British in China. That also should go without saying. But let such "self-interest" be examined most carefully. Of what does it consist? Subjugation of the Chinese peoples or territories? Nothing of the kind. Great Britain desires not an inch more of the trading concessions she has enjoyed in China for generations—trading concessions that have been the natural sequel to the creation and maintenance of trade. The pursuit of that trade may be a type of "self-interest," but if that is the only thing that can be charged against British policy in China it can be dismissed as not worth a moment's argument. Such trade has admittedly benefited the British; but it has likewise been of incalculable gain to the Chinese themselves. In commerce the losses are not confined by any means to those with whom connections are opened up. Far from showing losses the foreign trade statistics of China show that China herself has reaped vast benefits. And these benefits will continue ad infinitum if the Chinese will only see the wisdom of ending for ever the nonsensical anti-foreign agitation and restoring the commercial status quo.

The Perfect Lady.

In a recent case described by counsel as "a vulgar boarding house squabble," a lady of uncertain temper was unfortunately to find herself locked in her room. The lady was apparently no relative of that captain of the "Pinfore" who, never (well, hardly ever) employed a big, big "D"; on the contrary, she seems to have been more clearly allied to the Shavian "Galatea." Mr. Justice Rowlatt, giving judgment on the case, regretted that the plaintiff should have permitted herself to indulge in language "which a gentleman did not as a rule use." It was indeed unfortunate that she should have minimised her damages by encroaching upon the occasional prerogative of the other sex. A gentleman was defined as one who was never unintentionally rude. A parallel definition might now be added, and a lady described as one who, in provocative circumstances, was more than common calm.

And never used a single "Damn."

Scotland Shocked.

Scotland appears to be seriously concerned as to whether its beer and whisky drinkers are receiving adequate measure. The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures of the "Kingdom" of Life has been testing the "reputed" pint bottles of beer obtained at different licensed houses, and has discovered that only one of a dozen bottles contains a twelfth of a gallon, which is the recognised capacity of the "reputed" pint bottle. Far more serious is the scandal laid bare by the Inspector for the Aberdeen County Council. This official has found that the measures used by publicans in various districts result in the price of whisky working out at \$1 a bottle.

CORRESPONDENCE.**THE FLOWER SHOW.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let it be known through the columns of your paper, the conditions governing the "Amateur" Cups, which are kindly being presented by Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. H. Green at the forthcoming Flower Show. The Cup presented by Mr. Plummer is for the best exhibit of pot plants whilst the Cup presented by Mr. Green is for the best exhibit of vegetables entered in any of the Open or Peak classes by members who have not exhibited before or who have never won a prize at any Flower Show in Hong Kong.

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2. I tend my own garden entirely myself or keep only one Chinese gardener.
3. I abide by the Rules of the Society governing ownership and exhibits as printed in the schedule.

I shall be pleased to supply any further information that may be required by intending exhibitors for these "Amateur" Cups.
Yours, etc.,
E. C. C. Hornell,
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(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
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KOWLOON TONG.**MR. BRAGA'S MOTION LOST.****HEALTH OF TROOPS.**

In moving his motion with regard to the removal of Chinese squatters settled in the Kowloon Tong area and creating a nuisance with a cess-pool, Mr. Braga referred to the possible quarantining of British troops in this area and to the menace to their health that present conditions would be.

After full discussion, Mr. Braga's motion was lost by a majority of one.

Mr. Braga said:—In submitting the motion standing in my name, viz.: "That in the opinion of this Board, the close proximity of a squatters' settlement to the new and growing residential district of Kowloon Tong is prejudicial to the public health, and that in the interests of the residents of the district the permits granted to the squatters should be revoked as early as a date as practicable," there are two points that need emphasising. The first is the need for safeguarding the public health; and the second, a called-for reply to the remarks by the junior Chinese member of the Board (Mr. Wong Kwong-tin) at the last meeting.

On the ground of the public health, I am glad to have the admission of the M. O. H. that, in his opinion, the cess-pools now in question are noxious, and I hope that the Board will agree that the nuisance is such that it requires immediate abatement. But my motion goes further: it calls not only for the abatement of this nuisance but for the withdrawal of the permits and so remove the danger lurking in the potential breeding grounds of flies—admittedly the worst known carriers of disease. There are, besides the cess-pools, large animal dung heaps used by the gardeners for manure. This manure, in the way it is collected, forms an excellent breeding ground for flies. It needs no stretch of imagination to conceive the danger these disease carriers would be in the case of an epidemic—such as typhoid or dysentery—with two large institutions so close by, like the Kowloon Hospital and the Diocesan School for Boys. As regards the latter building, it is understood that arrangements are in contemplation for taking it over and converting it into a temporary military hospital for troops. No argument can be too strong for protecting the health of our soldiers. As regards the civilian section of Kowloon Tong residents, they were promised a Garden City when the scheme was first presented and which attracted subscribers for no fewer than 250 houses.

Kowloon Tong's Cost.

In the carrying out of the scheme it was necessary for the Government to resume all the low-lying villages and bring up the level of the ground to the public roadway. This was one of the important parts in the scheme for public improvement. We have it on the authority of the Colonial Secretary that the estimated cost to Government of the Kowloon Tong scheme is \$1,388,000. Subscribers' shares will cost not less than \$2,500,000 in the aggregate so that we have a total expenditure of nearly four million dollars in a housing scheme which the promoters promised would convert the district into a garden city when the scheme is completed. It is not now for this Board to contribute to the disfigurement of a garden city by its tacit approval of permits which

tirely unfounded and on the date of the closing of their works the Company and their employees were on the best of terms.

The free schools maintained by the Company in this Colony for the benefit of the children of their employees are being continued and the workmen who were housed in the Company's dwellings have been allowed to remain.

We are asked, however, to state that the main reasons for the decision to close down the works temporarily are, primarily, the desire to effect a complete overhaul and where necessary a replacement of the factory machinery and the equipment and at the same time to reorganise the administration. New premises have been recently added to the factory and warehouse accommodation.

Certain questions are outstanding with the Revenue authorities in regard to the basis on which tobacco duties should be assessed and which arise principally from the Company's peculiar position as manufacturers of cigarettes within the Colony and not as importers of cigarettes. The Company will avail themselves of the temporary suspension of their manufacturing activities in this Colony to discuss these questions thoroughly with the Hong Kong Government.

In conclusion we are instructed to state that any report hitherto purporting to be made on behalf of the Company has been wholly unauthorised and that this is the only official statement issued by the Company. We are, Yours, faithfully,

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Hong Kong, Feb. 8, 1927.

would be resorted to in a new form with the new permittees—the old objectionable villages now for the most part resumed by the Government.

The Chinese member, who spoke at the last meeting, rather labouring the point of a proclamation by Government promising all kinds of things to the inhabitants of the Colony, I do not know to which particular proclamation the member referred. I rather imagine what he had in mind was the proclamation by Capt. Charles Elliot of February 1, 1841. I have looked up the text of that proclamation and have failed to discover any pronouncement that assured immunity from perpetration of insanitary habits and customs to the early settlers of the Colony. If my colleague's contention had been upheld in the past I am very much afraid that the Colony would not have outlived the unenviable reputation of being a pestiferous spot, for our anti-malarial measures and other consistent efforts at stamping out deadly diseases in the Colony would have been obstructed at every turn.

A note of warning seems to me to be called for. As guardians of the public health the duty is imposed upon us to recommend measures calculated to prevent disease and to remove the likely sources for the spread of an epidemic should one unfortunately visit us. Neglect this duty and we leave ourselves exposed to public condemnation at condoning an offence against the security of public health. With this warning, I commend the motion to the adoption of the Board.

Dr. S. C. Ho seconded Mr. Braga's motion, remarking that surely the permittees in question might have been given the choice of some other site not so close to a large residential settlement that bid fair to become an important township in the future.

M. O. H. Opinion.

Dr. G. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health, said that if the cess-pools were removed say 200 yards from the nearest habitation that would safeguard the residential part of the district. He also spoke on the question of manure and suggested that the breeding of flies could be avoided if the manure was brought from some distant place.

Colonel Boyland Smith said he did not think the convenience of the settlers should be put before the question of public health. The manure should be retted at some distant place and not near Kowloon Tong.

It was very difficult to educate the settlers up to modern sanitation, and it was certainly very dangerous to have manure round human habitations.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin again defended the settlers and said that at least if they were suddenly turned out they should be compensated. If flies from manure were dangerous he would call attention to the night soil system—far more dangerous than cess-pools.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, D.P.W., said he sympathised with Mr. Braga's motion but thought it was a question in which they should move slowly.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the chairman, explained the courses which were open to deal with the question. If the settlers found that they could not carry on cultivation without having noxious cess-pools then they would naturally have to give up their permits. He had been told by the E. and F. Department that it was possible to have inoffensive dry cultivation. They might find, if the M. O. H. prosecuted those people who had the nuisances within 200 yards of habitations, that they could reform the methods of cultivation.

A Big Responsibility.

The alternative was that the Board should recommend the Government to cancel the permits. Personally he did not see the need for this until they had tried the legal methods in their power to abate any nuisances which might arise. He was inclined to vote against the motion as there was a difficulty as to who was included in the settlement. He did not think the Board would suggest that all cultivation up to the foothills should be stopped.

Mr. Braga, replying to Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, said he had not suggested that the settlers should be deprived of their livelihood. He did not see why in the course of time the people in Kowloon Tong should not have all the amenities of an urban district without causing any hardship to the squatters. He thought the Board should take the first opportunity of visiting the site. The members would find that he had been rather moderate in his description of the conditions at Kowloon Tong. The Board had a big responsibility in the matter.

The motion was put to the meeting and defeated by four votes to three.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

London, Feb. 8.
The Duke and Duchess of York, in H.M.S. "Renown," have arrived at Nukuniva, Marquesa Islands, Router.

The drought in Johannesburg area of the Transvaal is the worst in living memory. Forty thousand cattle are dead and three rivers have run dry.

Fuga Island, North of Luzon, has been sold to an unnamed purchaser in Shanghai according to a cable from the Manila broker Mr. J. J. Dizon, now in Shanghai.

KOWLOON ELECTION.

Crowded "Houses" Last Night.

LIVELY PROCEEDINGS.

Even keener interest than that which marked the opening night of the "Mudford-on-Sea" Town Council campaign (at the Y.M.C.A.) characterised the proceedings last night when many outside members who had been circulating with statements of the three parties attended to hear the speeches of the candidates.

The seating and standing accommodation of the lounge was taxed to the uttermost and good-humoured fun and heckling considerably enlivened the proceedings.

The Moderates, who have some cleverly conceived and executed posters by Mr. May about the building, opened with speeches by Mr. Bayter, Mr. E. R. Price, Mr. Walker and the Rev. N. V. Hayward, in stating that the Moderates were pledged to support the construction of a pump house (for developing mineral springs), in stages, as the waters attracted a larger number of people. The construction of a pier would be contingent on money coming in from the development of the medicinal waters. They also dwelt upon the profit-sharing schemes of Mr. Keates, the local manufacturer and candidate for the Moderate party.

The Progressives followed with addresses from Messrs. Howell, Sewell and MacArthur. Had not the Progressives, during their period of administration had the interests of the ratepayers and working men at heart? they asked, and was it reasonable to expect, as the Socialists seemed to assume, that they were suddenly to turn their backs on the working man? With regard to the raising of money for these schemes, it was proposed to float a loan on the same lines as the War Loan. The unsecured portions of this were to be taken up by a local resident who had the interests of the town at heart and believed in its future prosperity.

The Labour party held a most enthusiastic meeting, and some clever speeches were made although most of the points were somewhat beside the issue. Did the working man want golden goblets to drink these waters with? Were they believers in the use of water at all? (Loud shouts of "no.") What they were after was not more pump houses but more public houses!

Apart from the humour, however, (this was provided by Messrs. Munn, Long and Bolas), Mr. Sands answered questions as to the Socialist policy which was for the betterment of working class houses and the provision of a children's playground. "The growth" of the town, whilst it might lead to greater markets for the workers' products would lead to increased prices. Mr. Sands made one slip when he said that the Labour party stood for Progress With Moderation (this is the slogan of the Moderate party) and he was loudly asked to take the Moderates' colours.

There are further meetings to-night.

GAMING FINES

WHEN IT'S CHEAPER TO TELL THE TRUTH.

FRIEND IN EMPTY HOUSE.

"Those who have admitted their guilt are fined \$3 each; those who have wasted my time with lying excuses will pay \$4 each and those who have not turned up will forfeit their bail of \$5 each," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the conclusion of a case in which Det. Sgt. Rozetsky charged thirty-one Chinese with gambling in an empty house at Sai On village.

Of the thirty-one men arrested, ten failed to put in an appearance, their bail of \$5 each being estreated as stated.

The first defendant to deny the charge said that he had been looking for a friend.

"Why do you go to an empty house to look for a friend when there is nobody there but gamblers?" retorted the Magistrate.

A Wonderful Excuse.

The next man questioned said that he went to call a folk to a feast.

Mr. Lindsell: Indeed! What a wonderful excuse. Did you find him?

To another man who said that he had been sent to the house by his foreman, his Worship replied: "Don't make lying excuses."

Hakkas and the Truth.

Other excuses were tendered by three Hakkas, none of which, however, was acceptable to the Magistrate, drawing the con-

SAILING TO-DAY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

"We spent three days in Nankin," said Professor Taylor. "Martial law had been proclaimed, but this made little difference to Europeans."

"We spent a fortnight in Shanghai, and found much anxiety among the residents. With the city practically under the guns of powerful British, Japanese, and French warships, the European community is, I believe, safe enough; but it has to be remembered that only 40,000 of Shanghai's 2,000,000 inhabitants are European."

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Crying Need For British Propaganda.

London, Feb. 8. Calling attention to the "crying need in China for more adequate British propaganda," the "Daily Chronicle" remarks that the Chinese leaders are very susceptible to the influence of opinion round them and that the Soviet Russians act accordingly. They have been five years constructing an anti-British legend which the British have done nothing to hinder directly and much to help indirectly.

It urges now that the British Government's policy provides good material for pro-British doctrine. It is time that there were in China at least the elements of pro-British propaganda to do it justice.

It concludes that the great tidal force of national opinion is steadily growing all over China and "unless its present set against Britain is to remain fixed, British policy must not delay to descend from its high horse and make proper business of its conversion."—Reuter.

Shanghai's Defence.

London, Feb. 8. Various questions relating to China including that of the disposition of the Shanghai defence force were examined by the Cabinet at a long sitting yesterday.

The "Times" says that the fact that the military and naval dispositions were again considered does not imply any intention of abandoning the policy indicated by a recent decision to despatch to Chinese waters forces capable of safeguarding, if necessary, British lives and persons at Shanghai.

The "Times" suggests the possibility that the rapidly changing conditions in China may necessitate modifications regarding the disposition of the force when it arrives at its objective, which so far as the main body of troops is concerned cannot be for a fortnight at least.—British Wireless Service.

"Argus" at Malta.

Malta, Feb. 8. The aircraft carrier "Argus" has arrived and is embarking the fleet reconnaissance flight Fairey machines belonging to H.M.S. "Eagle" for China.—Reuter.

Priest's Wounds.

Hankow, Feb. 8. Father MacDonald is suffering from knife wounds and laceration of the head and shoulder.—Reuter.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, as reported to the Medical Officer of Health, comprised:

Small-pox: 3 cases from Kowloon district.

Diphtheria: 3 cases from the city—2 deaths.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 4 cases (3 from city, from Kowloon)—5 deaths.

Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 death (nationality not given).

Puerperal fever: 1 case from Shaanliwan.

Rabies: 1 death (not specified).

One of the typhoid patients is a British subject. All the others (except where stated) are Chinese.

Woolwich Board of Guardians are to ask the Metropolitan Asylums Board to pay a rent of 27,000 a year, plus 2800 a year for furniture, for the use of the Goldie Leigh Homes at Plumstead, instead of the present rent of 24,300.

ment: "I've come to the conclusion that you Hakkas are constitutionally unable to speak the truth."

Sentences were passed as stated, his Worship directing that \$3.40 found in the house be deposited in the Poor Box and that the gambling paraphernalia be confiscated.

LADY WALKER.

Intrepid Traveller In Hong Kong.

FINE CLIMBING FEATS.

Describing herself as a "homeless tramp," Miss G. E. Benham, of London, who is travelling round the world for pleasure, has arrived in Hong Kong.

In conversation with a "China Mail" representative, Miss Benham said that her intention was to accomplish as much as she could of her journey on foot. She had already walked across Central Africa, New Zealand and thousands of miles in the Himalayas. This is her fourth visit to Hong Kong, and her sixth trip round the world. Her return journey lies by way of Guatemala, leaving Hong Kong at the end of this month, by boat for Los Angeles, thence by coasting steamer to Guatemala.

Miss Benham has three journeys across Central Africa to her credit. The route of one, which took her eleven months, lay by way of Nigeria, the Cameroons, the French Congo, Belgian Congo, Uganda (then German East Africa), Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Asked if many adventures had befallen her in the course of her journeys, Miss Benham stated that she used to have lions and leopards close to her tent many nights and sometimes her bearers had deserted her.

A "Grave" Difficulty.

The gravest difficulty, which this intrepid world traveller appeared to have encountered, however, was not that of the fear of devouring beasts but of educating the native cook boys in the proper appreciation of the European palate. "It took one of my cooks a week to learn how to boil an egg," Miss Benham remarked, with a twinkle in her eye.

Difficulties with regard to coinage or the lack of it were overcome by the carriage of needles and calico, in exchange for small quantities of which the traveller was supplied by the natives with eggs and chickens.

"I think I hold a record," said Miss Benham, "in that I must be one of the first world travellers not to have written a book on my experiences. But I think that the more people travel the less they write and the less they travel the more they seem to enlarge on it."

Curios and Flowers.

One of Miss Benham's objects is to collect flowers for the British Museum and to add to her own already large collection of curios which she will probably donate later to some museum.

Questioned as to the field for such collection in Hong Kong, Miss Benham said that the difficulty with regard to curios here was that so much was made specially to sell to the foreigner. She had tried to get hold of some of the "really old" curios and thought she had secured "one or two nice little things."

With regard to flowers, this was hardly the season, said Miss Benham. She chiefly confined herself to high mountain flowers such as those she had secured on the Himalayas, not without difficulty, for after one exhausting expedition in which she had secured some good specimens at 11,000 to 12,000 feet they were all ruined by the damp atmosphere on descending to the plains.

Asked if she had planned further fields for conquest, Miss Benham replied that she had bought a piece of ground in Devonshire, but she doubted very much whether she was the sort of person ever able to settle down to routine life. Her friends sometimes enlarged on her travels and her knowledge of the world but she was only beginning to find out how much there was that even the most seasoned traveller had still to learn.

Climbing Record.

The first time that she was in Africa Miss Benham climbed the Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. She is the first Britisher to have accomplished this feat. Germans climbed it some time previous to her visit.

Miss Benham, who has done all her travels alone, with but a few bearers and native attendants, accomplished the last piece of the climb from the plateau to the summit of the Kilimanjaro absolutely by herself, the natives being superstitious as to climbing great heights.

Asked as to her previous visits to Hong Kong, Miss Benham said that she was first here in 1905 and naturally there had been tremendous changes since that time, particularly with regard to the Peak. The growth of houses and not, by any means, led to improvement from the aesthetic standpoint.

With regard to amusements, she said that she had seen the cinema and the theatre, but she had not seen the opera.

CHINESE APPEAL.

Dr. Ts'o And Better Sanitation.

IS BOARD OPPOSED?

Was the policy of the Board to deny the inmates of the poorer types of Chinese homes the enjoyment of better sanitation and to stifle the Chinese desire for sanitary improvement? asked Dr. Ts'o at the Sanitary Board yesterday in moving an application for permission to install water flush systems at No. 22 Bonham Strand.

Dr. Ts'o referred to the view of the M.O.H. that "nothing can be more insanitary than a neglected water system. A clean dry system is much to be preferred. But to keep a dry system clean in Chinese business premises was easier said than done, replied Dr. Ts'o who painted a picture of conditions in many such houses and the difficulties owing to limited accommodation.

The age and depth of many of these houses was stated by the D.P.W. to be a bar to the adoption of the water system. But was it the duty of the Board to suppress the value of the houses in order to induce the owners to rebuild them? The sacrifice of space for accommodation in rebuilding them under the present Ordinance was so great with most house owners that nothing short of fire, typhoon or earthquake would prevail on them to rebuild.

D. P. W.'S Reply.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy said that the building in question did not come under the new Ordinance as it was built prior to 1903. There was not the required amount of open space and he thought that if people could afford to have water systems they could afford the extra space.

Dr. J. C. MacGown said that the question seemed to be one of making landlords improve their property. He agreed with Dr. Ts'o that the application should be granted.

Mrs. N. L. Smith said that he could not help thinking that the grounds for objection were on what might be termed "non-Sanitary Board" grounds. He was inclined to agree with Dr. MacGown in that the question could be used as a lever to get better buildings, although it was a noble method of improving the sanitation of the Colony. He did not think any great harm would be done if they were not enforced.

The case under consideration was very different to that which came before the Board two years ago when the place was a common coolie house.

The Motion Carried.

The Hon. Mr. Creasy said that there was no intention of making any class distinction whatsoever. It was a question of making buildings conform to the Ordinance, and had nothing to do with the residents being Portuguese or Chinese.

The Medical Officers of Health said that they had quite a number of applications from the Central district. There was the question, however, of the staff to look after the systems. He had no objection to them but at the present time they had not a sufficiently large staff to supervise them and see that they were kept clean.

The motion was carried.

BENEFIT OF DOUBT.

The case in which a Chinese inspector employed by the Forestry Department was charged with intimidation and receiving a bribe was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, his Worship finding that there was not sufficient evidence upon which to convict the accused.

Mr. Duncan McCallum, defending, said that the case was one in which there was more than a small element of doubt; there was considerable doubt and the accused was entitled to the benefit of it. It was one of those difficult border-line cases in which it had to be determined whether the man would have kept the money had he not been arrested at the time.

The accused was discharged as stated.

ledge she has gained on her travels, Miss Benham thinks that more can be achieved by personal contact than by writing books and delivering lectures.

In London, Miss Benham added that she was a member of the first who had accomplished the feat of walking round the world.

ST. ANDREW'S.

KOWLOON CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Rev. G. R. and Mrs. Lindsay were host and hostess yesterday afternoon at a social afternoon which preceded the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the last over which the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar, will preside, owing to his departure in April.

The Treasurer, in presenting the statement of accounts, referred to the magnificent response at Thankoffering Sunday when over \$1,000 had been raised.

An increase in the sum devoted to Mission work and charitable purposes to \$1,700 was also referred to.

Reports on the Mothers' Union (by Mrs. Hunt); the Sunday Schools (by Mr. C. C. Mitchell), the St. Andrew's troop of Boy Scouts and Wolf Pack (by Mr. T. Jackson and Mrs. Welch) and of the Young Women's Bible Class (by Mr. Lands) were presented.

Vicar's Review.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Rev. Lindsay said that during the seven years he had been in the Colony he had seen a great number of changes, but he had always had the support and co-operation of the members of his vestry. Before coming to Hong Kong he had been advised by ten persons not to come, on the ground that the change from a Church in Liverpool to a Church in China would be too much to cope with. But he did come, and from the moment he stepped ashore in Hong Kong till the present time, he had nothing to regret.

Speaking on the present condition of Christian Churches out here in these troublous times, Mr. Lindsay said that there is no cause for pessimism. The Church has gone through darker days, and things would right themselves.

The Officers.

The officers elected were:—Rev. Rogers to a vacant post in the vestry, Mr. Hunt to be Vicar's warden, and Mr. Mitchell was re-elected to be the People's warden. The sidesmen to remain the same, but owing to changes in the personnel of the congregation, more may be added during the year if occasion demands. Mr. T. A. Martin was elected as Hon. Auditor.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion by a prayer.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainment.

February 9—Queen's Theatre; "Mike."

February 9—World Theatre; "The Early Bird."

February 9—Star Theatre; "Manhattan."

February 12—Special dinner dance at Regatta Bay Hotel.

February 12—Fancy dress dance at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.

February 19—H.M.S. "Hermes" dance at Hotel Savoy.

Sport.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwant' Race Course.

Meetings.

February 9—General meeting of Marine Engineer's Guild of China (H.K. Branch) at Guild Office, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, 5 p.m.

February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Bld., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 12—Annual meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

February 24—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

February 26—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

Auctions.

February 11—Auction of household furniture at Messrs. Lamart Bros' sales room, 2.30 p.m.

February 12—Sale of Tonkin antiques, by Messrs. Lamart Bros., at No. 47 Godown (Kowloon Godowns) opposite No. 5 pier, 11 a.m.

February 14—Auction of Furniture at No. 2 Waverley Terrace (Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) Hongkong, 2.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 9—Exhibition of Old Chinese painting and calligraphy at City Hall, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

February 12—H.E. The Governor will inspect the Hong Kong and Kowloon Police Band and the Hong Kong and Kowloon Fire Band at Government House, 12.30 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Gen. Li Pao-chang, Commissioner of Defence, Shanghai, has issued a proclamation to the effect that any person found instigating workers to strike or preventing them from continuing their work will be severely punished, according to the rules governing special martial law.

Peking has had the heaviest fall of snow this year since 1916—considered a lucky omen for the administration—and also the lowest temperatures in an unknown number of years, which is decidedly unlucky for the poor. The thermometer has fallen several times to eight degrees below zero.

Rehearsals begin in Shanghai shortly for the next A.D.C. production, "Merrill England" under the joint production of Mr. Arthur Jones and Mr. Alec Gilbert Davies. The musical show will be put on some time in April and choruses which are now being chosen will begin their work on February 7.

Probate of the will of Manuel Pedro Remedios, late of No. 8, Humphrey's Avenue, Kowloon, who died on January 6, has been granted to Maria Purificacao Rocha Remedios, his widow. Deceased's net estate amounts to \$4,646, all of which is left to the executrix, the sole beneficiary under the will.

A Musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, February 17, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, including Tea, 50 cents each, must be booked at the Secretary's Office before noon on the 17th, inst. Items will be given by Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. S. S. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith.—Advt.

Sitting as Coroner at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon Mr. T. W. Ainsworth held an inquest into the death of an elderly Chinese woman who was run over by a bus early on the morning of January 20. Medical evidence having been called to show that death was due to haemorrhage following a ruptured lung, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

A Chinese case of enteric fever (typhoid) was notified from the city district on Tuesday.

Monday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony comprised one case of small-pox and two of typhoid (one imported). All patients are Chinese and were registered in the city district.



Rear Admiral H. H. Hough, commander of the American naval patrol in the Yangtze River, who is in charge of the naval operations about Hankow.

The Penang Harbour Board shows a sufficiently large profit to be able, after providing liberally for depreciation and interest on sinking fund, and after crediting \$65,845.96 towards the debit balance brought forward, and placing \$125,000 to reserve accounts, to carry forward \$23,205.76.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang contemplates using his aeroplanes in the Chekiang hostilities, according to Chinese reports. Marshal Chang Tso-lin recently made him a present of four machines which are being tuned up in Shanghai ready for service. Marshal Sun's aviation officers are reported to have been very busy in the last few days getting the machines into flying condition.

In the current issue of the "Town Traveller," the Traveller dilates mournfully on the disillusionment following the unimpeded progress of the Kuomintang and the Kuomintang during the past twelve months. "Here," he writes, "there was reason to believe, was a movement born of the will of a people weary of domestic upheaval. . . . that for fifteen years had led practically nowhere. . . . And how miserably, how utterly has the South failed! In place of the orderly processes, her sympathisers hoped for reigns confusion worse confounded. The Frankenstein which we of the West have assiduously built up for these many years, has in turn created another. And while we of the West may still view with polite amusement the antics of our

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creature, not so the menace which she has fostered. Her Frankenstein is about to rend her; and it will be once more for the West to restore her corporate entity." The Traveller goes on to insist that the voice heard in China today is the voice of Soviet Russia, a fact so apparent as long to have become a truism. In another place, the Traveller waxes gently sarcastic on the fears entertained by certain members of the community as to the supposed pernicious influence of the film "Michael Strogoff." The issue contains a number of excellent short stories and articles, all of which make amusing reading, and another entertaining stanza of the "Griffiniad," in the course of which we learn much about Peking that does not appear in the guide books.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, the Chief Justice, sailed for Home to-day, on leave, by the Blue Funnel s.s. "Sarpedon."

The death is announced from London of Sir Francis Fox, who was born in 1844 and was connected with several great engineering works, including the building of the Simplon Tunnel.

Mr. J. L. Parren of the Standard Oil Co. and hon. secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association, sailed to-day on the "Sarpedon," accompanied by Mrs. Parren and their child.

The Vatican has annulled the marriage of Signor Marconi and his wife, formerly Hon. Beatrice O'Brien, daughter of the Earl of Inchiquin. It is reported that Signor Marconi is engaged to the twenty-five year old daughter of Count Scall.

Mr. Ralph A. Cooper (manager of Messrs. N. Lazarus), Hong Kong, has received a letter from Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, thanking him for his efforts during the past Canadian political elections.

A message from Adelaide states that Dr. Herbert Basedow, M.D. of South Australia, who is one of the best-known Australian explorers of the present era, has been made an honorary life member of the Adventures of the World Incorporated, an American institution.

Miss Lori Loraine, the charming young Austrian actress now appearing in "Sweet Kisses," a popular new play in Vienna, receives forty-seven kisses during each performance. As there are seven shows a week, it means that she receives a total of 658 kisses a week.

Mr. Ralph Hodgson Hickman, Old Hall School, Wellington, Salop, left £25,081. He directed his executors to pay 2,000 guineas each to the schools of Malvern, Winchester, Rugby, Marlborough, and Shrewsbury in trust for a bursarship, to be known as "The Old Hall Bursarship," primarily for boys educated at the Old Hall.

Mr. William Crawford, bleit manufacturer, chairman of Messrs. William Crawford and Sons, Ltd., left untested personal estate in Great Britain valued for probate at £278,211, of which his interests in Messrs. William Crawford and Sons, Ltd., amount to £342,143, and his holdings in War Loans, &c., to £257,900. He also held large interests in the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., Ltd.

A Manila message states that General Wood has been operated on for hernia. His condition is good.



The Duke of Marlborough the nullification of whose marriage to the former Cassius Vanderbilt by the Rota Tribunal in Rome, has created a first spreading controversy in the religious world the annulment being attacked by prominent Protestant clergy.

Among the passengers who sailed for Manila yesterday on the "President McKinley" were the Misses Gowing and Mr. Gang Shui-po.

Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs. Deacons (solicitors), was a passenger on the "Sarpedon" which sailed from Hong Kong to-day for Singapore and London.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George William Sinclair, master mariner, No. 521, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Chan Lai-keng, of the same address.

A Renter cable from Singapore announces the death of Mr. W. A. Lavender, Assistant Engineer of the P.W.D. who was shot by an unknown assailant at Malacca on January 31.

Passengers on the Homeward bound "Sarpedon," sailed from Hong Kong to-day included Mrs. A. J. Chesterton and the Misses Chesterton, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Lady Jane Grel, who has been here for a short stay, Dr. H. M. E. Schurmann, Miss Barrette, Mrs. H. M. Kendall, Captain and Mrs. J. Masson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allan, Mrs. T. A. T. Begg and Mrs. L. D. McNeill.



Vincent Richards and Suzanne Langlen on the beach. The former is engaged in filling Suzanne's head to the proper angle in order that his artistic efforts may produce the most satisfactory results.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES



Sport Things Claim Our Attention—Travel Things Interest—We Visit a New Mode.

With the holidays over, fashion is, again, trying out new ideas, we are getting a pre-view of the 1927 Summer mode.

The chief interest centres in sports things, for this is the type of attire that belongs to the out-of-doors. And, of course, there must be travel apparel suitable to a voyage Home via Canada or the Suez Canal. For the stay-at-home there is interest in every provision made for others, for these preparations cast shadows on their own prospective purchases.

These shadows—they are pleasing ones—effect details rather than wholes. These details appear in the frock that you purchase to finish out the season, in the evening gown that you choose for the same purpose, in the little day dress that you find you must have. Everywhere there are tendencies, leading away from the established mode of the Winter season toward the mode in the making that Summer will bring.

Many New Things Intrigue.

One's first logical question is directed toward the silhouette, and after that toward the details that go to make up either the masculine or the feminine theme, as the case may be. We are really enjoying the subtle elaborateness of the present mode, and many would be loath to see it replaced by the more severe lines that we associate with the old-fashioned tailored types. There need be little worry, apparently, for the latest presentations are both intricate in cut and unusual in their details.

Advance showings of fabrics, stress both solid colours and prints, as well as novelty weaves. This is consistent with the very general theme of variety. One finds both silk and cotton broadcloths, silk and cotton crepes, satin, as well as crepe de Chine, Madras shirting and linens, as well as jersey, flannel, crepe and kasha cloth.

There is still a decided trend toward the straight line silhouette; in fact, it is a reality, not a trend. Whatever manipulations of material there may be are so cleverly carried out that they do not detract in the slightest from slender lines. Blouses, pleats and boleros appear, sashes, belts and draped hip-lines are featured, and there are deep kimono sleeves and yokes in some of the newest coat models. Occasionally one sees a bit of fullness in back—a contrast to flat backs and full fronts.

Blouse And Bolero Insist.

To achieve the popular bloused effect belts are brought into use, and occasionally there is a manipulation of seams and darts that bring about the bloused effect. The bolero has not passed from the picture, as so many prophesied, but is more apparent than ever, and

is held responsible for the increasingly large number of sleeveless jackets that are being featured. The part that this type of jacket plays in the new mode is most important.

Yokes, which have been shyly appearing in a modest way, all Winter, are quite bold and open in their attack on the new models for the Summer. They are deep, and extend from the neck well down in back or front—or both, and occasionally down the sleeves. They hint of a little longer skirt—that has been hinted before. Necklines continue varied, but the square line is stressed, and the scarf arrangement is seen everywhere.

It is timely, of course, to prophesy a vogue for white, and there are many beautiful things being offered in white materials. It is always correct for Summer, so one may assume its importance. When it comes to colour, there are a very great many new shades, but the most important item gleaned from this new mode is the use of two, possibly three shades of a colour—the idea known as duo-tone or duo-colour effects.

Ensemble Is With Us Again.

After a brief vacation from the limelight, the ensemble is staging a return, going to all kinds of trouble to make that return popular and effective. The new interpretations of it cover the entire field from early morning to late evening, and there are tailored, sports, afternoon, and evening en-

sembles from which to make your choice. This is a welcome bit of news to the woman who finds the assembling of costumes a pleasure, and—of course, an economy.

One interesting fashion is the new ensemble made up of four pieces—skirt, jumper, sleeveless jacket or cardigan and a long coat. It is quite clever to match the coat and jumper—you have been matching coat and skirt too long, fashion thinks. One is instantly impressed by the value of this newest ensemble when it comes to instilling variety into the wardrobe. There are limitless possibilities.

There are many of the more familiar combination, that matches skirt and coat fabric, to be seen, however. There will be many of the short coat-jumper-skirt ensembles, the coat, in this instance, being long-sleeved. The value of the sleeveless jacket lies in its use as a wrap when the coat of the four-piece is too warm—one has, practically, two costumes, and either the short, sleeveless or the long, sleeved coat may be worn.

Matching Details Emphasised.

In the ensemble made up of matching coat and skirt in checked novelty fabric, and jumper of crepe de Chine, one is impressed by the clever use of trimming detail. The fabric of the skirt and coat is a two-toned check, the jumper matches the lighter tone with exactness. The trimming for the jumper consists of squares of the skirt fabric applied on, but the choice is the darker square—thus carrying out a duo-tone effect in both skirt and jumper.

A second ensemble uses two shades of a colour, both appearing in the checked novelty wool fabric that fashions skirt and coat and in the jumper or blouses that is worn with it. A third shade is apparent in the narrow piping that trims the coat—and it is matched, in line at least, by the trimming on the blouse, which is carried out in the lighter tone of the skirt material. Carefully placed pleats give a semblance of fullness but do not detract from the straight line.

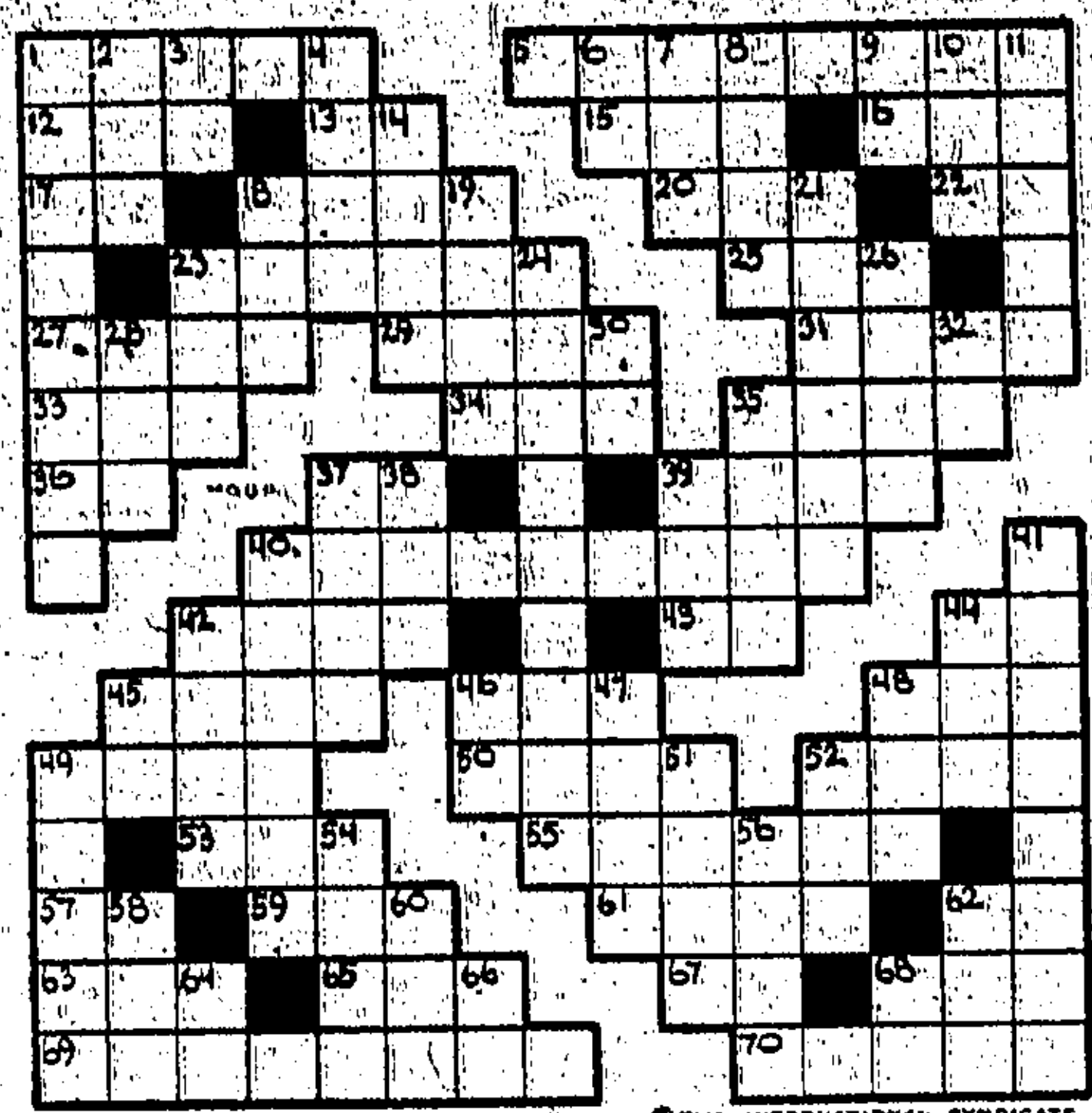
For the active sportswoman, who would have real protection after a brisk game on the tennis courts, there is nothing more practical, or more effective, than a lightweight coat of flannel in blazer stripes. Such a coat is pictured. It is never more effective than when worn with a skirt of white flannel or crepe de Chine, but it may be worn with a skirt in any one of the colours incorporated in the striped pattern. Note the strictly tailored shirt worn beneath it.

Variation of the Jumper.

What detail will do to the familiar is cleverly illustrated in the pictured blouse, which is, indeed, a blouse. Not only is the material

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



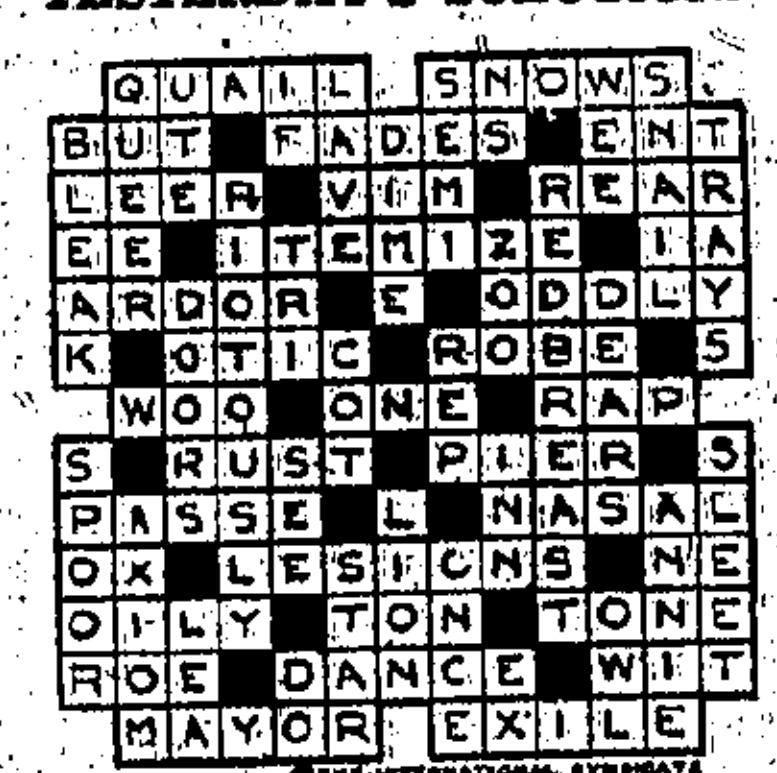
- HORIZONTAL**
- Formal
 - Penitent
 - Deep hole
 - A measure of weight (abbr.)
 - And not
 - Latin for "speaker" (abbr.)
 - A military title (abbr.)
 - Implement
 - Banter
 - A day of the week (abbr.)
 - An essay
 - An apple or pear seed
 - Personal pronoun
 - An American Indian
 - To wall loudly
 - A metal
 - No (slang)
 - A measure of length
 - Them (colloq.)
 - A college degree (abbr.)
 - Crack
 - Jovial
 - A metal
 - Christian (abbr.)
 - Interjection
 - Eating house
 - To expel
 - Paper tablet
 - A forcibly emitted breath
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Agricultural land
 - A parent
 - Small in number
 - More gladly
 - Near
 - Consume
 - Artificially
 - Germinated grain
 - A negative
 - A hundred years (abbr.)
 - To nauseate
 - A musical note
 - French coin
 - Hindered
 - To concede
- VERTICAL**
- To speak hastily and confusedly
 - A small bird
 - Pronoun
 - Tabular mass of floating ice
 - Upon
 - At this time
 - A journey
 - Prefix. Same as "in"
 - A toddler
 - Having the same importance
 - Notion
 - Article
 - King of beasts
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Pertaining to the shin-bone
 - Half a score
 - Holy; pure
 - A tropical tree
 - Personal pronoun
 - A number (Roman)
 - Personal pronoun
 - Average
 - Trunk of a tree
 - Conjunction
 - A number
 - A beverage
 - One who visits habitually
 - A game-cock's steel spur
 - To chance
 - Cub (abbr.)
 - Preposition
 - To dress smooth
 - Equality of value
 - A fruit
 - Coarsely ground grain
 - A fit of temper
 - To engage in, as a war
 - To droop
 - A drink
 - A product of coal
 - Prefix. Not
 - S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
 - The Greek goddess of earth
 - A continent (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

bloused over the tight hip-line, but the neckline is different. The belt is made of two-colour ribbon and the sleeve bands match. This very different jumper is worn with an all-the-way-round pleated skirt that carries out the colour harmony with a wide and a narrow stripe just above the hemline.

For travel and general wear, a quite different coat has been selected. It achieves a fitted hip-line, width around the hem, and a bloused effect in back—all by the manipulation of pleats. The same idea is incorporated in the sleeves, and the straps at the wrist are of the same width as the belt. Incidentally, the lady in the coat is wearing the same hat that she wore with the checked ensemble suit, but wearing it very differently.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

At a wedding at Haslingden, Lancashire, the bride was aged 74, and the bridegroom 28.

Nine couples were married together at St. George the Martyr Church, Southwark, on Christmas Day.

During Christmas there was a considerable holiday exodus from the London termini, many people leaving for the Continent.

Some workshops and garages at Brooklands motor-racing track, Weybridge, Surrey, were broken into during the Christmas holidays and goods stolen.

Sir Philip James MacDonell (Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia) has been appointed Chief Justice of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

Both main lines of the L. and N.E. Railway at Beighton Junction, near Sheffield, were blocked for eight hours owing to a collision in a snowstorm between two local trains, but no one was injured.

In a Blackburn shop a cat was revived after gas poisoning when it tampered with the gas tap, and a stronger tap was fixed, but the next day the cat again interfered with the tap, with a fatal result for itself.

Five hundred of the poor children of Bloomsbury, many of them cripples, participated in a Christmas party arranged by the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, W.C. for its outpatients.

At Bow-street Police Court Sir Chartres Biron presented Police Constable Wallace Wood, T. Division, with £12 in recognition of his courage and presence of mind in rescuing two men who had been overcome by gas fumes in a water main at Feltham.

The Northumberland Education Committee, which frequently provides pupils with bicycles where the school is a long distance from home, resolved to give a shepherd 18s. a week to maintain a pony and trap for the use of his six children, his home being four miles from school.

Three small boys, their ages being two, four and seven years respectively, sailed on the Red Star liner "Pennland", from Southampton for Halifax, N.S. The lads, who came from Poland, are bound for Alberta, Canada, where they will join their parents, and they are making the whole trip unaccompanied.

Many fires occurred during the holiday season, the London Fire Brigade receiving forty-one calls on Christmas Day and thirty-two on a Sunday. One London outbreak was marked by the heroic conduct of a 17-year-old girl, who dragged three children from a blazing house. Altogether there were three fatalities, due to fire in the London district, and at Coalville, one of the monks at Mount St. Bernard's Monastery was fatally burned.

The survey for 1925 of the Secretary of the Mines Department and of his Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines shows how many lives are lost in coal mines because sufficient care is not observed in working, and because insufficient use is made of safety-first devices. With a decrease in the number of persons employed, however, the toll of the pits has fallen from 1,198 killed and 194,717 injured, in 1924, to 1,128 killed and 177,847 injured in 1925.

Evils of too much cramming, with consequent mental indigestion, were discussed by Dr. Lytton, late headmaster of Eton, at the Headmasters' Conference. In appealing for reform, he said that for nearly forty years he taught classics to boys of varying ability, and he had a deep consciousness all the time that there was something seriously wrong. If they provided analytical work without giving a good deal of pabulum in the way of knowledge they would stimulate the power of thought without giving the young mind enough to think about.

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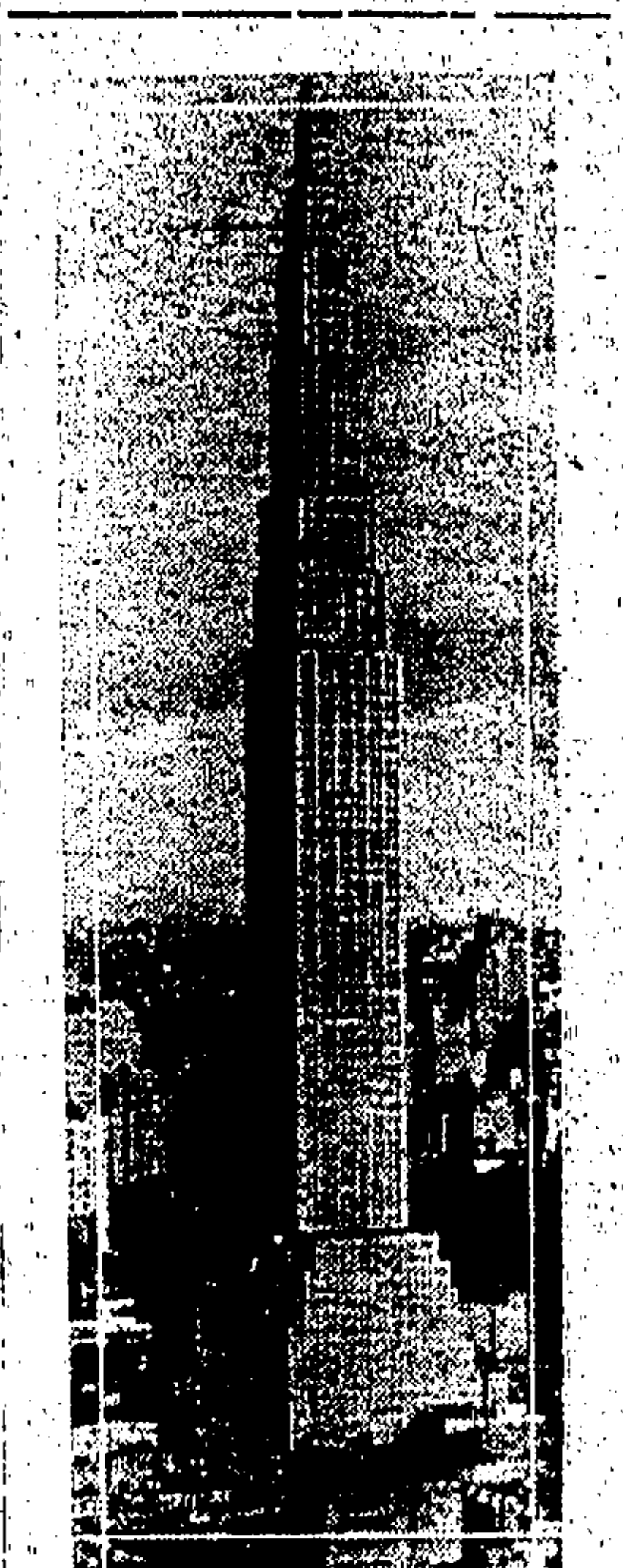
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In a Slough, Buckinghamshire, house a turkey being prepared for dinner caught fire, and the Fire Brigade had to be called.

Mr. W. H. Eyre, age 78, a solicitor, was among the winning draw in the Richmond "Eights" at the annual Richmond Boxing Day Charity Regatta.

A man was seen walking about in a house in Cole Park, Twickenham, Middlesex, the owners of which were on holiday, and police surrounded the house and captured the man.

After her marriage at Hampstead to Mr. James Bartram, Miss Juliette Compton, an American actress, returned to the nursing home which she had left to attend the ceremony.



The highest building in the world, to be known as the Larkin Tower Building, will be erected in West 42nd Street, New York. It will be an office structure, 1,208 feet tall, and will cost \$18,000,000 to build.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bullen, aged 106, died in the North-Middlesex Hospital of the Edmonton Union.

Mr. Leonard Wilfred James Costello has been appointed a puisne judge of the High Court of Judicature at Calcutta.

Miss Maud Tuck, aged 51, of Portland-road, Kentish Town, N.W., on a visit to Dover, became ill while walking there and died.

Sir Richard Throckmorton, who is aged 87, is in St. John and St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Grove End-road, N.W., with a fractured hip, received in a fall.

The Pope is giving a gold medal each to Mr. Francis Blundell, M.P., and Mr. Dennis Herbert, M.P., in recognition of their efforts for the passing of the Catholic Relief Act.

President Kruger's travelling wagon which, it was announced in November, the City of London Corporation had decided to offer to the Dominion of South Africa, has now been shipped to South Africa.

The Rev. Walter Legerton, aged 82, for 54 years pastor of the Brentwood, Essex, Congregational Church, who has resigned, is more than 8ft. in height, and for 60 years has never worn any hat but a silk one.

At a Leeds inquest on Elsie Bingley, aged 8, who was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor-car, her father said he noticed a crowd, and on joining it found the injured child was his daughter.

Five ship's firemen who made a trip on a Hull-licensed house carried off 19 bottles of whisky and other spirits, but they were chased, and later five men, who were arrested, were remanded by the magistrates.

Despite a big attendance bidding was disappointing at the sale of racing pigeons from the loft of Mr. Fred Shaw, of Hyde, Cheshire, £794 being realised for 128 birds, the largest sums paid for single birds being £26 and £24.

"We don't subscribe to the dictum that because a man's breath smells of drink he is unfit to drive a car," said Sir George Lunn at Newcastle Police Court in a case in which a man was charged with being drunk in charge of a motor-car.

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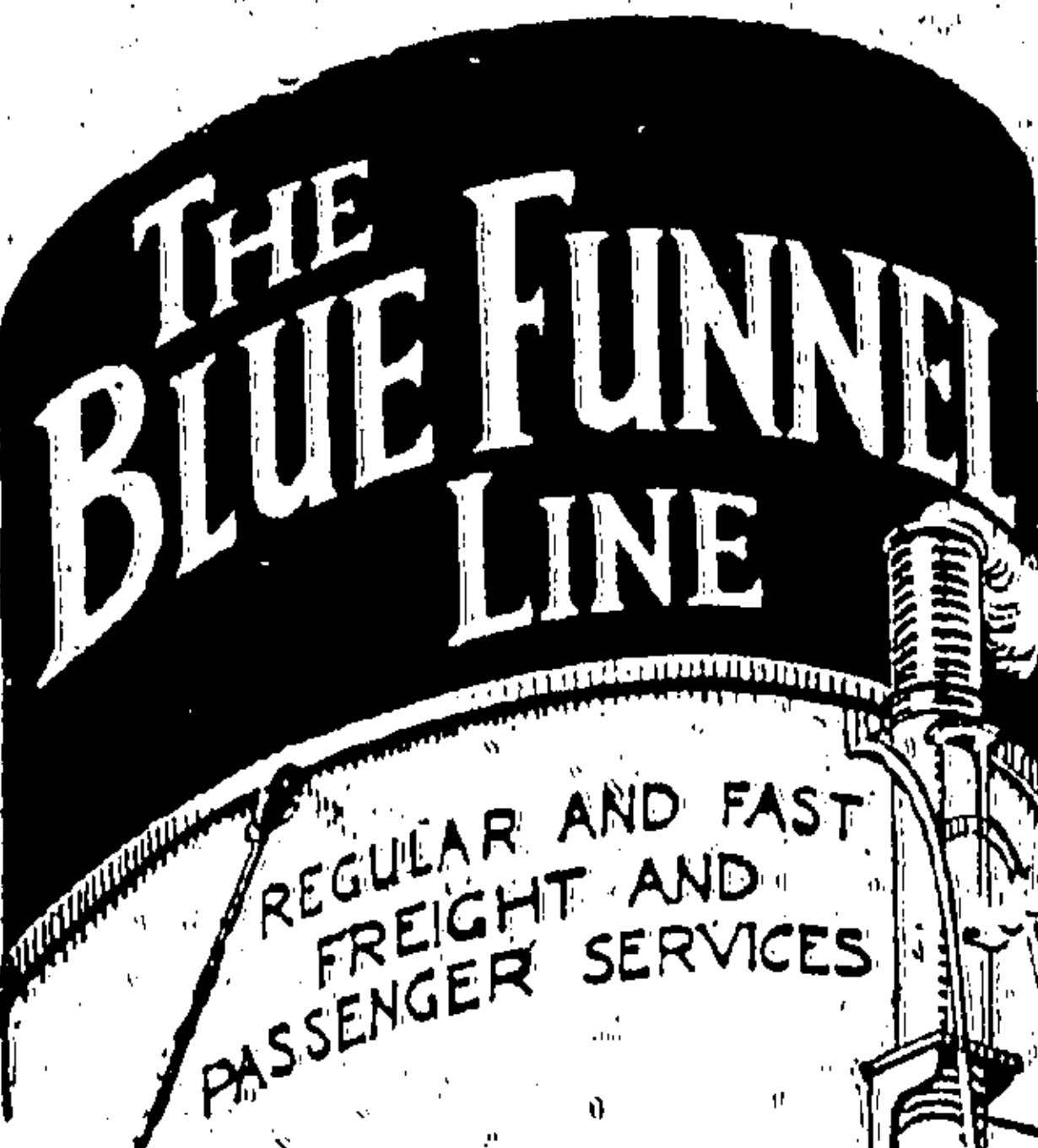
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Swatow & Amoy	5 p.m.	Cramer	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	5 p.m.	Nagore	5 p.m.
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Bangkok	5 a.m.	Kanchow	5 a.m.
Shanghai	5 a.m.	Emp. of Scotland	5 a.m.

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BRITAIN AND CHINA.

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Further Negotiations.
With regard to the situation at Hankow, proceeded the Premier, nothing has occurred from our viewpoint to make us alter our determination to achieve our ends by negotiation. That is so, and Mr. O'Malley at this moment is awaiting further communications from Mr. Eugene Chen which have been promised to be sent to him within a very short time.

With regard to the North it is a difficult task in a situation like this to hold the scales so evenly between the conflicting parties in a struggle with which we have nothing to do, and which is exhaustively Chinese, in such a way that neither party can accuse you at any time of helping the other. The South would like us to declare that they are the Government of China, which they hold authority over but a fraction of China. It would be impossible for us to do that as it would be impossible for us to help the North in the various directions which they would like.

Lessons of History.
No man can tell when we may have a united China again, or what form that united China may take. Such events as are happening today are nothing new in the history of China. They are common to every period when a dynasty breaks down. Such periods are succeeded by years of anarchy.

Most unfortunately for ourselves, having regard to our great trade interests in the East, we are living today in one of those periods of anarchy. It is our earnest desire from motives of self-interest, if from no others, that that period shall be shortened as much as possible. We cannot help to shorten it by taking part in that struggle ourselves.

Our Destiny in the East.
We can, and we shall, do what we can to be ready for the day when there is a united government in China by getting on as we have been making the most generous offers simultaneously to both parts of China, North and South, to be ready to discuss as we have discussed, and are discussing with them, what we can do to come together in the hope that when these unhappy internal struggles are ended, we may then be able to enter on new, friendly and propitious relations with that great country united—a country with which in the past we have had on the whole friendly relations of service, to both of us, and relations which must play, having regard to our positions in Asia and the East, a great and growing part in the peace and prosperity of the whole of the Eastern Hemisphere.—British Wireless Service.

ANOTHER VERSION.

Reuter's Summary of the Debate.

London, Feb. 9.
Moving the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, the Hon. Col. G. E. C. Oliver Stanley said that the promise of legislation dealing with the trade unions did not threaten any of the vital aims of the trade unions. No responsible body would countenance an attempt to destroy trade unionism.

Mr. C. G. McAndrew, seconding, dealt mainly with China, declaring that the British Government had taken the only safe course.
The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, contended that any difficulties arising out of the present position of the trade union law should not be dealt with just at this moment. If the Government were wise it would leave matters alone. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. MacDonald declared that the trade union Bill would be regarded as a political movement for advancing political issues, and it would be fought at every stage. (Labour cheers.)

Mr. MacDonald also declared that China was the only country in the world where the Government were not responsible to the people.

created. It might possibly increase the security of British subjects in Shanghai and possibly not.

Mr. MacDonald expressed the opinion that the reaction on the other side would be bad.
The first effect was to unite Peking and Canton in a protest. If the Chinese Government, either of Peking or Canton, deliberately adopted a policy violently to eject us from China the reaction in this country would be so great that nobody would care to contemplate the result.

The only way of diminishing the risks of British subjects in Shanghai was to proceed with the negotiations and get such arrangements under consideration as would make an outbreak of violence absolutely impossible.

Britain and Russia.
Mr. MacDonald said that on the contrary the Government was playing with fire. He refused to believe that a judicious handling of the situation could not get the Hankow agreement signed. If that were signed what better security could there be for British subjects in Shanghai?

Mr. MacDonald asked for information on various points, including what communications had been received from the other Powers as regards the security of their subjects; the landing of British troops in the International Settlement; whether an attempt had been made to get an agreement with the Chinese as regards the security of British subjects in Shanghai; whether the troops were sent at the request of our representatives in China or contrary to their wishes; and particularly what was the precise position today.

He appealed to Mr. Baldwin to announce that the negotiations could be opened, troops could be diverted on the ground that the risk to cover which they were sent had been removed.

Mr. MacDonald referred to disturbances in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, and asked whether Mr. Baldwin contemplated a change in his Russian policy.

Cabinet and Shanghai.
Mr. Baldwin said that every foreign community in Shanghai was quite clear that evacuation in case of danger was out of the question. Until we were clear that the neighbourhood of Shanghai would not be a fighting ground for the national forces in China it could not be said that the danger to the Europeans and Japanese in Shanghai had passed.

Mr. Baldwin read a resolution passed by the Cabinet yesterday. "That the general policy of the government be based on the following considerations:—
"Our troops were sent to the Far East to safeguard British life in China, particularly in Shanghai. That was, and is, the only policy of His Majesty's government."
It is a question, of time at which and the manner and number in which troops should be landed at Shanghai must obviously depend on the local situation and the advice we receive from our representatives on the spot.

If they consider an emergency requires immediate disembarkation at Shanghai we shall act accordingly. If not, the leading brigade will be held in readiness at Hong Kong, while the rest of the force is approaching.

There can, of course, be no question of entering into any arrangement with Mr. Eugene Chen or anybody else in connection with the movement of troops, which have been despatched solely with the object of protecting British life. (Ministerial cheers.)

Lessons of Hankow.
Mr. Baldwin assured Mr. MacDonald that all the points the latter had put had been considered by the Government, but responsibility rested with a different weight.
Appearances in China to-day recalled what had been seen shortly before the Boxer troubles. The danger lay not merely from the mob in Shanghai, but in the possibility shown at Hankow if bloodshed had begun—the Chinese troops fighting with the mob and the possible massacre of the whites.

Mr. Baldwin said as regards the situation at Hankow, nothing had occurred to make us alter our determination to achieve our ends by negotiation. Mr. O'Malley at this moment was awaiting further communications from Mr. Eugene Chen. Possibly the Government by Thursday would be able to tell the House something more about the situation.

The Labour Party lodged two amendments, namely on China and the Trade Union Bill.

The debate was adjourned.

and Queen drove this morning from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords where the King opened the new session of Parliament. Despite cold weather large crowds lined the route which was held by detachments of the Guards Regiments. The Royal carriage was as usual guarded by mounted eunuchs, Yeomen of the Guard and the Sovereign's Escort of Household Cavalry.

A salute of forty-one guns was fired when the King reached the House of Parliament. Having assumed his Royal robes the King proceeded to the Throne in the House of Lords.—British Wireless Service.

Royal Speech.
In his speech from the Throne the King said: "My relations with foreign powers continue friendly. The League of Nations has been strengthened and a further step has been taken towards the restoration of formal international relations in Europe by the entry of Germany into the League and her appointment to a permanent seat in the Council. In continuation of this policy it was found possible at the end of last month to terminate the stay of the Allied Military Control in Germany as set up by the Treaty of Versailles and to hand over to the League all questions affecting the military clauses of the treaty."

Republic in China.
The continuation of civil war in China and of the anti-foreign, and particularly anti-British, agitation by which it has been accompanied have caused me grave anxiety. In consequence of what has happened at Hankow and in other places my Government have left it necessary to despatch to the Far East a sufficient force to protect the lives of my British and Indian subjects against any violence and armed attack. But I earnestly desire a peaceful settlement of the difficulties which have arisen and my Government have caused proposals to be made to the Chinese authorities which should convince public opinion in China and throughout the world that it is the desire of the British people to remove all real grievances and to renew our treaties on a suitable basis; and to place our relations with Chinese people on a footing of friendship and goodwill. My Government will maintain our traditional policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of China.

I rejoice that a fair and friendly settlement has been reached regarding the funding of the war debt due this country by Portugal.

Domestic Affairs.
I am happy to note the encouraging signs of improvement in the state of trade and industry, and earnestly pray that those engaged in various industries in the country will use their utmost endeavours to ensure improvement in the volume of employment among my people, which may now be reasonably anticipated will not be arrested by industrial strife.

"Proposals will be made at an early date to enable effect to be given to the change in style and title of the Sovereign to which, on the recommendation of the Imperial Conference, I have given my approval. At the same time you will be invited to make consequential alterations in the title of Parliament."

Recent events have made evident the importance of a definite and amending law with reference to industrial disputes. Proposals for this purpose will be laid before you."

The speech concludes enumerating other measures to be submitted including a Bill to encourage the production and exhibition of British films, proposals to amend the law relating to leasehold premises, a Bill in connection with agriculture, a measure dealing with insurance against unemployment, proposals to amend the Companies Acts, also the reorganisation of certain departments in Scotland.—Reuter.

WORLD FLIGHT.

ITALIAN MARQUIS SECOND TRIP.

Rome, Feb. 8.
The Marquis de Pinedo is about to start another world flight, via the Atlantic, South America, New Zealand, Australia, India, China, Japan, Arabia, Persia, Siam, Ceylon, and back to Europe via the Cape of Good Hope.—Reuter.

Applause greeted the jury's verdict in the Gladstone-Wright libel action. They dismissed the action, with costs, against Captain Wright. It summed up the jury's verdict that Captain Wright was not guilty of libel. The jury also found that Captain Wright was not guilty of libel. The jury also found that Captain Wright was not guilty of libel.

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